

To Whom It May Concern,

I have recently become aware of an action to prevent or limit both XM and Sirius Satellite Radio from broadcasting local traffic and weather channels. I feel that this action is simply a power grab by big-radio that has arisen from the 1996 legislation allowing corporations to purchase more and more of this nation's small radio companies which limits availability and diversity in radio. Only in turning to satellite radio I have been able to break away from prefabricated national playlists and cookie cutter programming to find variety and quality that simply is no longer available anywhere else. In paying for these services I am expressly hoping that the variety of services offered will continue to expand, and that the National Association of Broadcasters will have to compete for market share by programming with a consideration of the tastes and diversity of local audiences. Capitalism is not served by blocking those who provide a service in desperate demand with lobbyists rather than by improvements in quality. I am a 28 year old father of two, an attorney, and registered republican, and I hereby urge the FCC to reject the NAB's petition 04-160 and to support satellite radio's ability to use unfettered discretion to provide any type of programming that it sees fit.

Thank you.